A...

...PRINCESS...?

...!
SNIFF

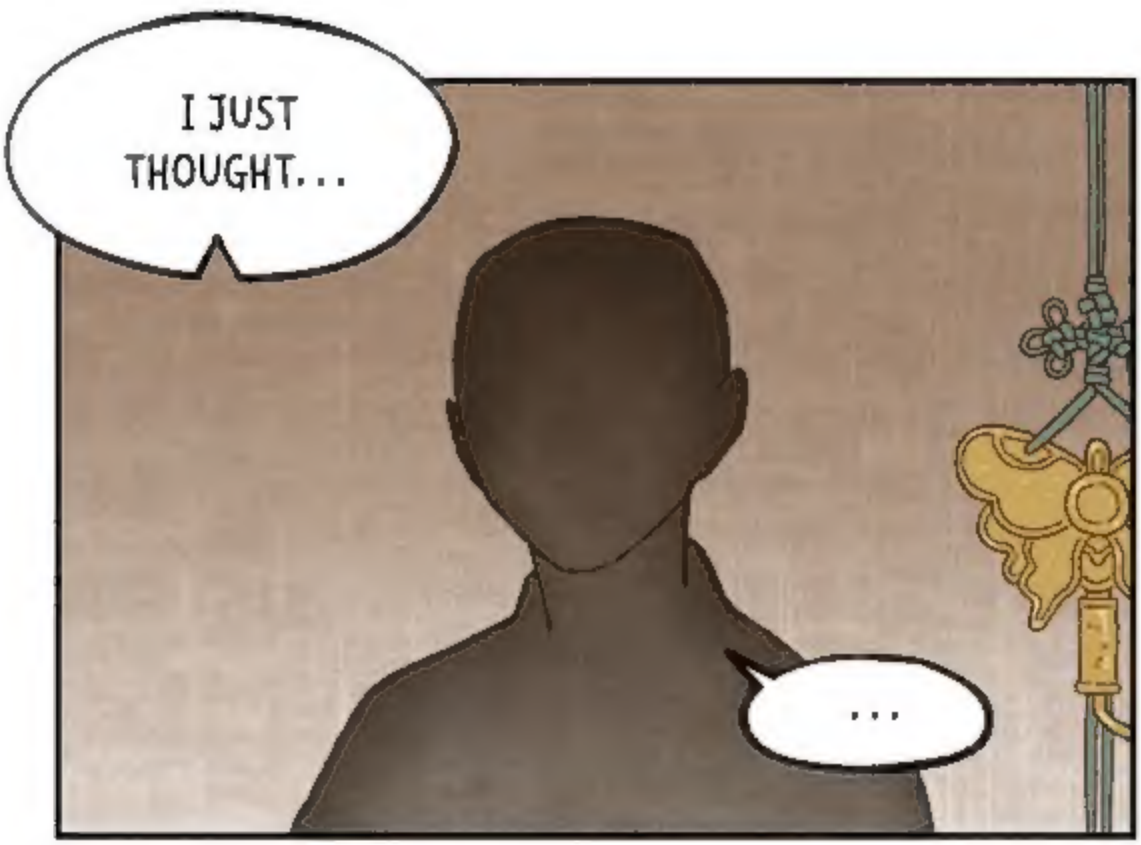
THERE IS A REASON
I SENT YOU DOWN THERE
IN MY STEAD.

WHY ARE YOU
ACTING LIKE THIS?

POINT

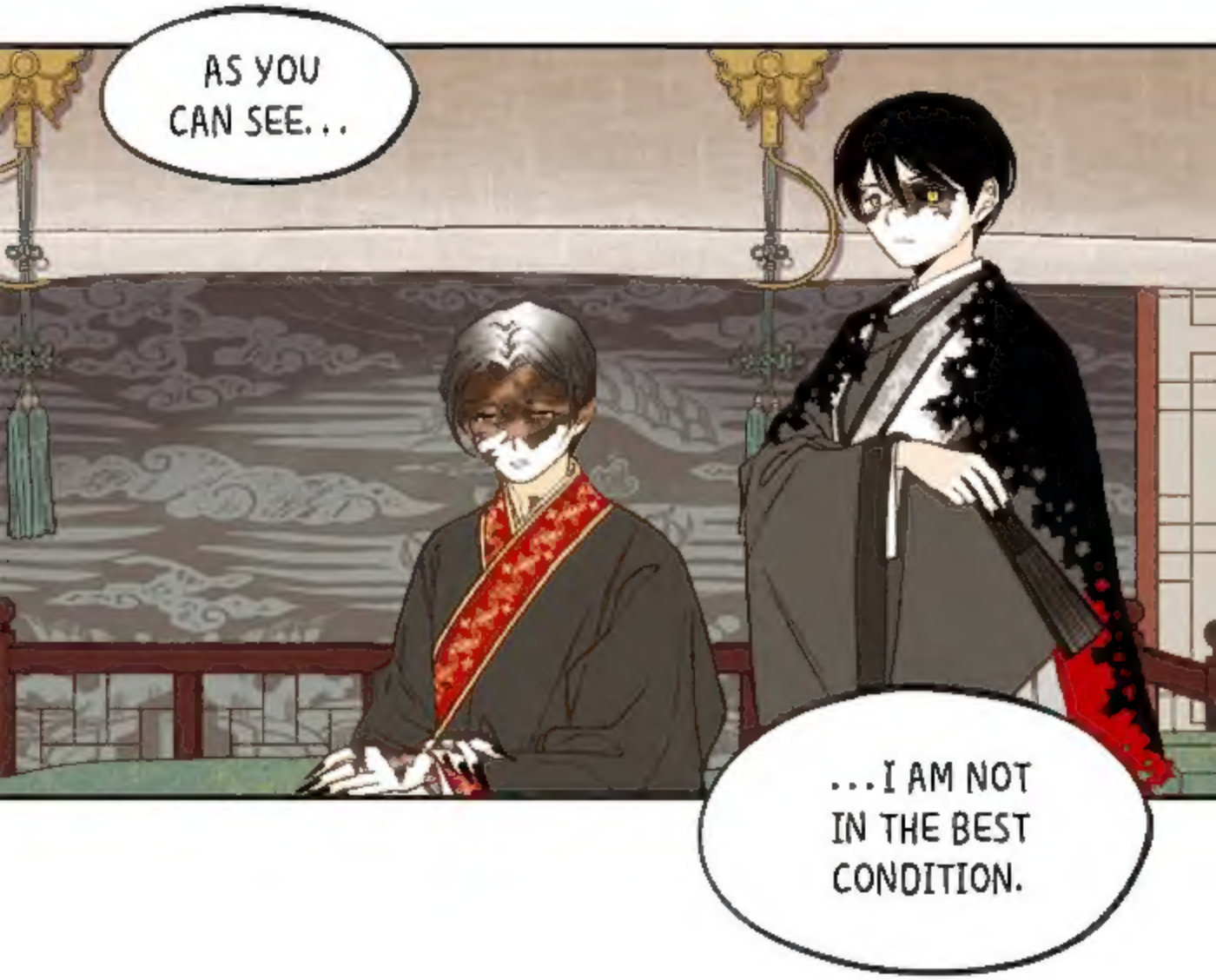
THAT IMOOGI...
!
...SENSED MY ILLNESS

WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING AT MY FACE.


I JUST THOUGHT...
...

ARE YOU A DOCTOR?
PARDON?
N-NO!
STARTLE
I HAVE NO SUCH TALENTS.

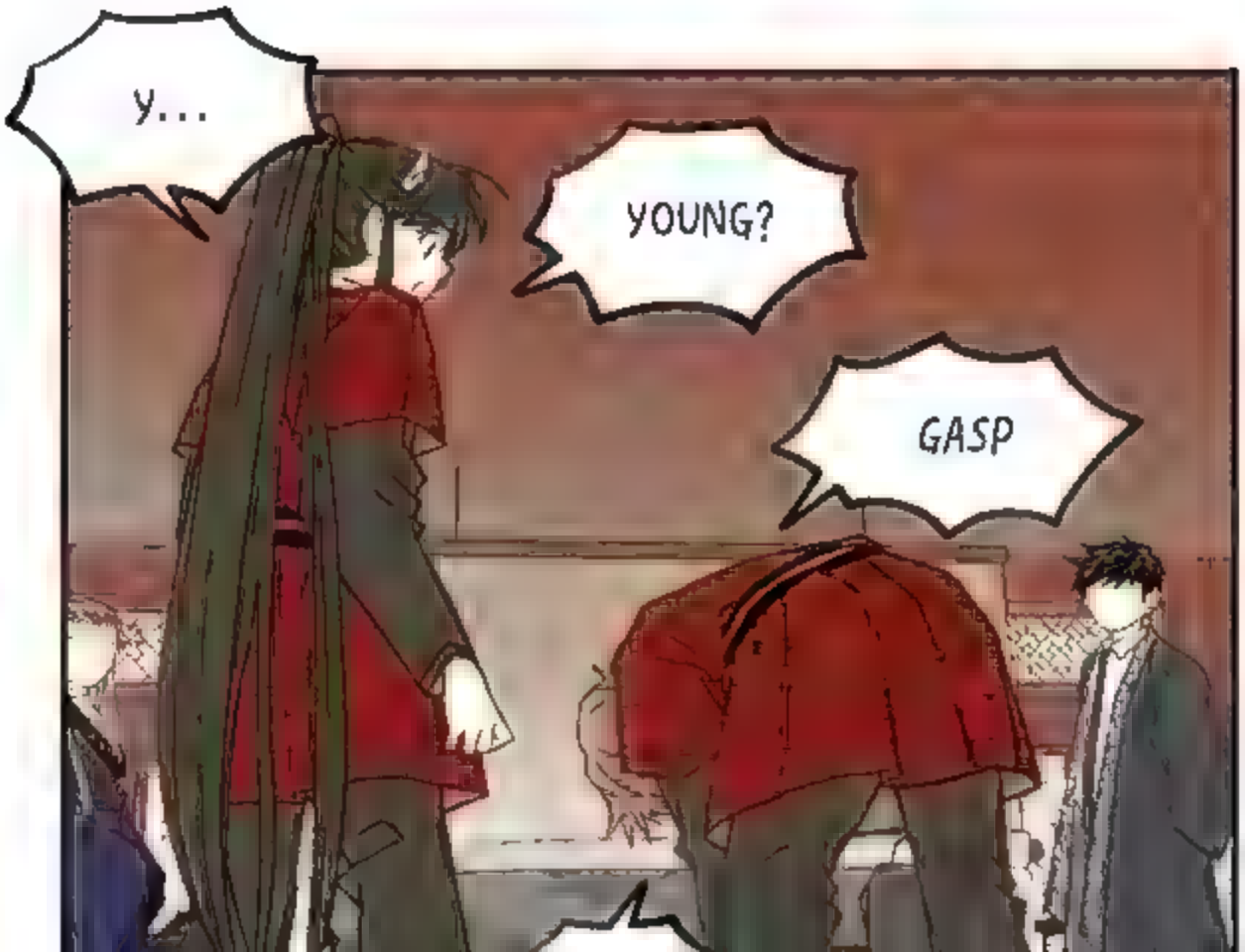
IF YOU ARE HERE TO CRITICIZE ME...
SWISH
...FOR BEING UNABLE TO FULFILL MY DUTIES AS THE DRAGON KING...


AS YOU CAN SEE...
...I AM NOT IN THE BEST CONDITION.

THEIR...
...FACES...

CHOKE

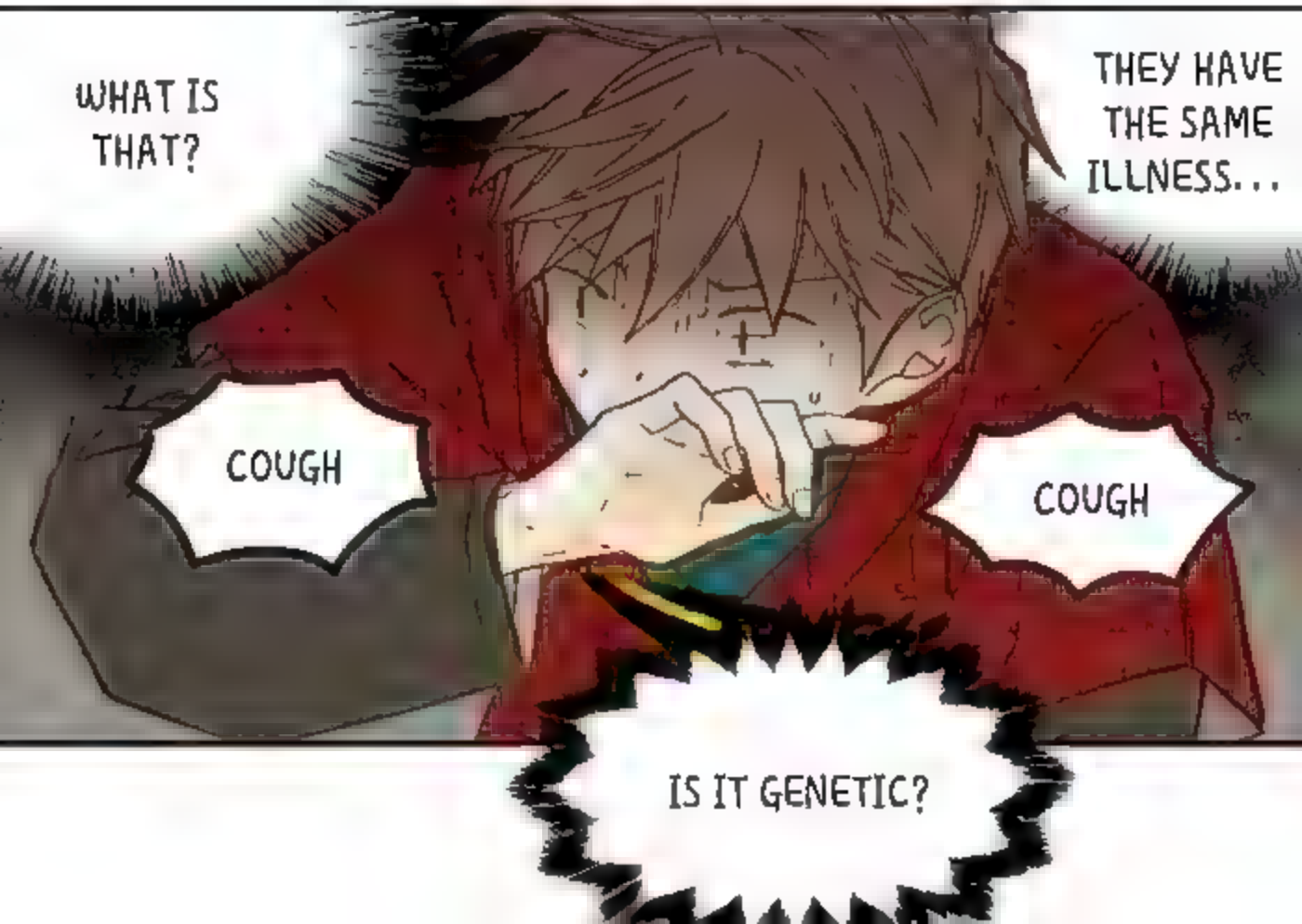
COUGH


Y...
YOUNG?
GASP

CHOKE

LOWER THE BLINDS, PLEASE. HUMANS ARE WEAK,
SWISH

SO FACING SUCH DARK ENERGY DIRECTLY WILL SUFFOCATE THEM.



THIS SMELL...
IT'S THE ONE FROM EARLIER...
COUGH
COUGH
WHY ARE THEY COVERED IN THAT?

I'M SURE
YOU KNOW ABOUT
MY OCCASIONAL
"OUTINGS".

I DON'T KNOW
IF IT IS BECAUSE
I BORROW HUMAN
BODIES,

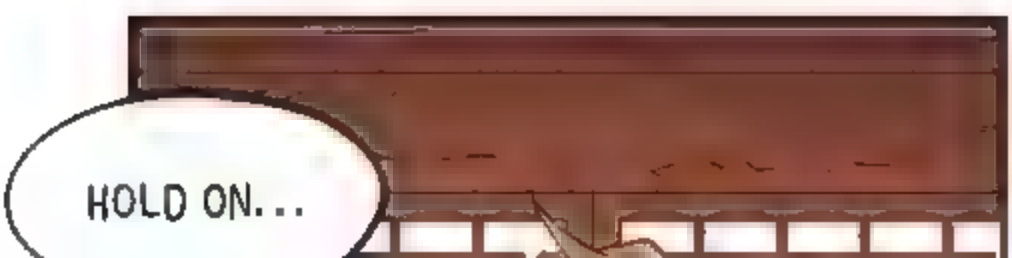
WHEN I REALIZED THAT I WAS A DRAGON

KING THIS TIME,

IT WAS AFTER GREAT MISFORTUNE HAD ALREADY BEFALLEN MY SEA.

MY YOUNGER BROTHER AND NIECE, WHO HAD BEEN KEEPING WATCH IN MY ABSENCE, HAD TO SUFFER THE AFTERMATH...

...SO I DECIDED TO STEP UP DURING THIS EXAM TO REPAY MY DEBT TO THEM.

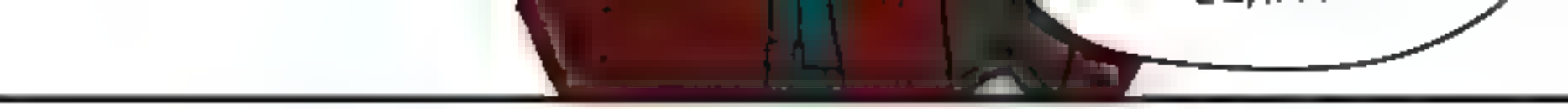


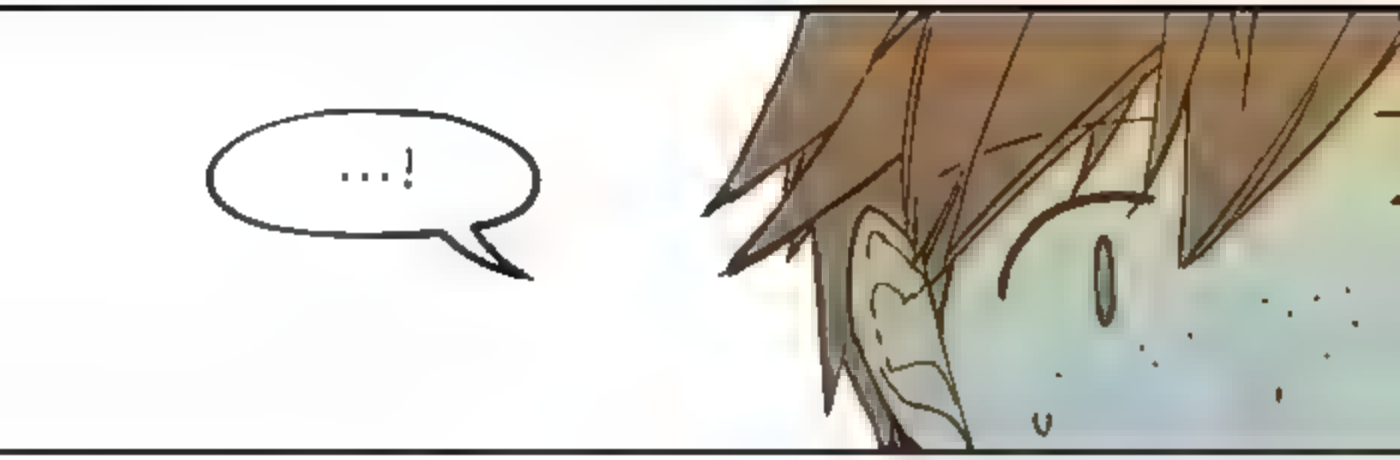
HOLD ON...

COUGH
WHAT
DO YOU MEAN,
"GREAT MISFORTUNE"?

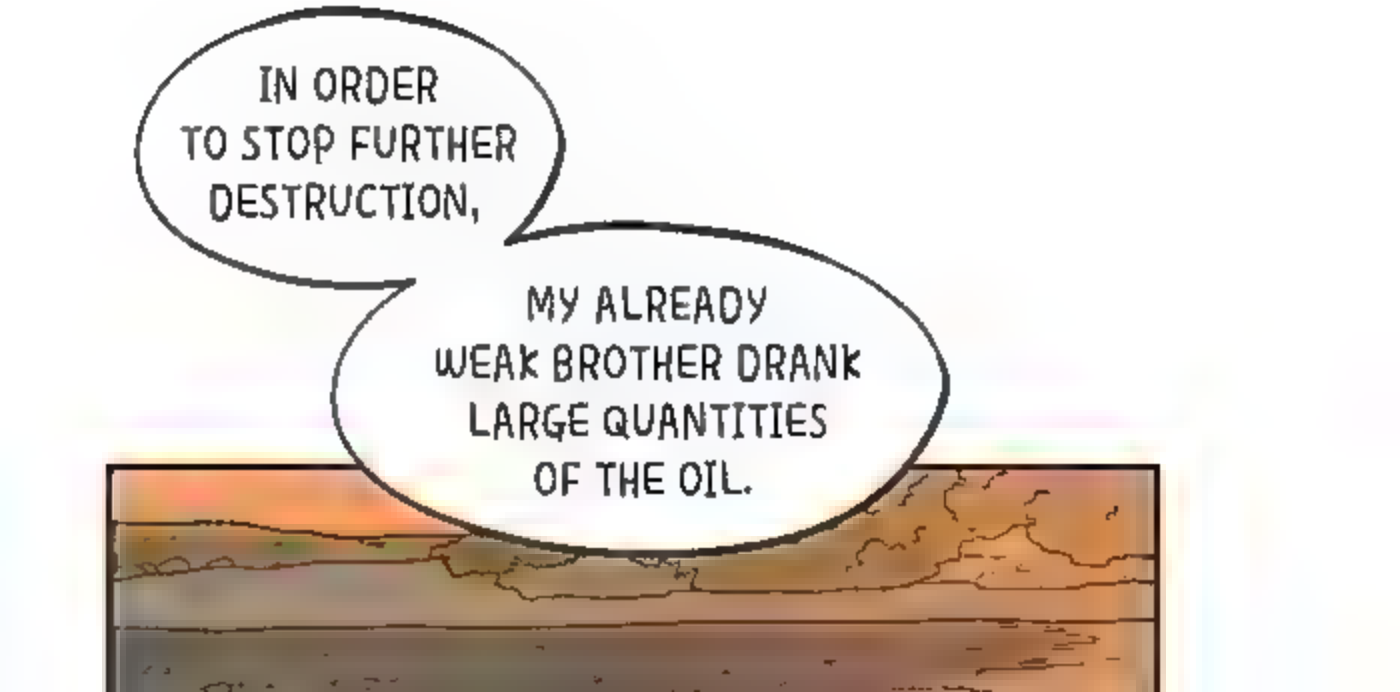
IT HAPPENED
WHEN YOU WERE

AROUND 3 OR 4.

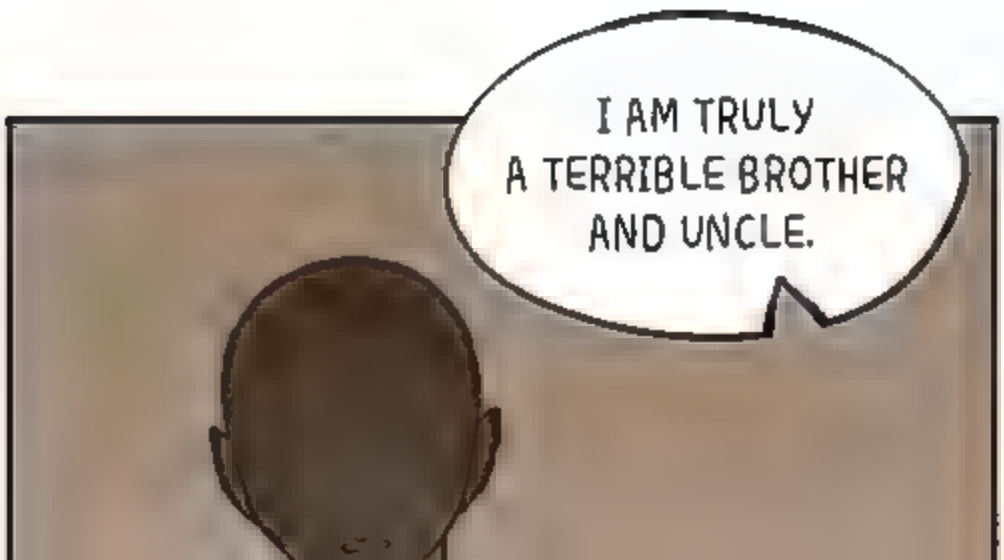




IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE TAE-AN OIL SPILL.


IN ORDER TO STOP FURTHER DESTRUCTION,
MY ALREADY WEAK BROTHER DRANK LARGE QUANTITIES OF THE OIL.

EVEN
MY NIECE WAS HARMED
IN THE PROCESS OF
HELPING HIM.


I AM TRULY
A TERRIBLE BROTHER
AND UNCLE.

BROTHER...

THAT MUST BE WHY HE HATED THINGS FROM BEYOND THE WATER SO MUCH.

HE'S COVERED IN OIL...

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MUST SAY TO ME?
OH... UM... RIGHT!
THERE'S THIS LITTLE RED-HAIRED GUY WITH A TEMPER NAMED MIRI...
DO YOU THINK WE COULD TAKE HIM WITH US?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT

RED SNAKE?
YES, HE'S A FRIEND OF OURS.
HE'S REALLY NOISY, SO HE'LL JUST ANNOY YOU IF YOU KEEP HIM HERE...
AH!
POP UP
AND KWANGCHEOL,

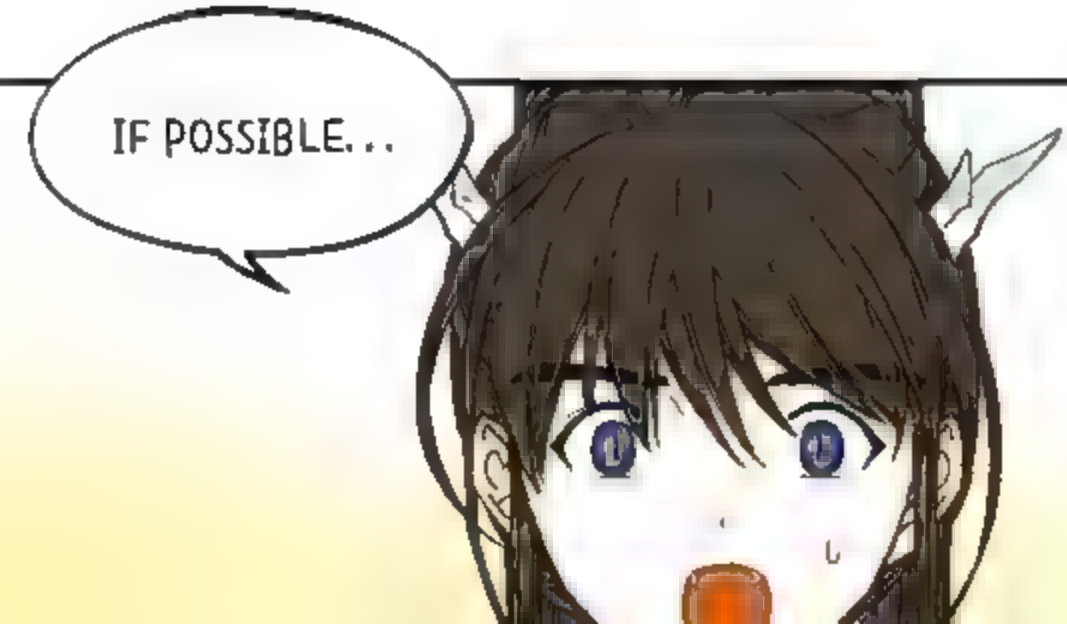
TOO!

OH RIGHT, KWANGCHEOL IS HERE.
WE'RE INDEBTED TO HIM, TOO, SO...
NOD
AND ALSO...

...JAHYEON...
FIDGET
...HAEON...
AH! THERE'S ALSO TAE-IN...

YISEON, HANRA, BEOPHYEONG... AND...
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU

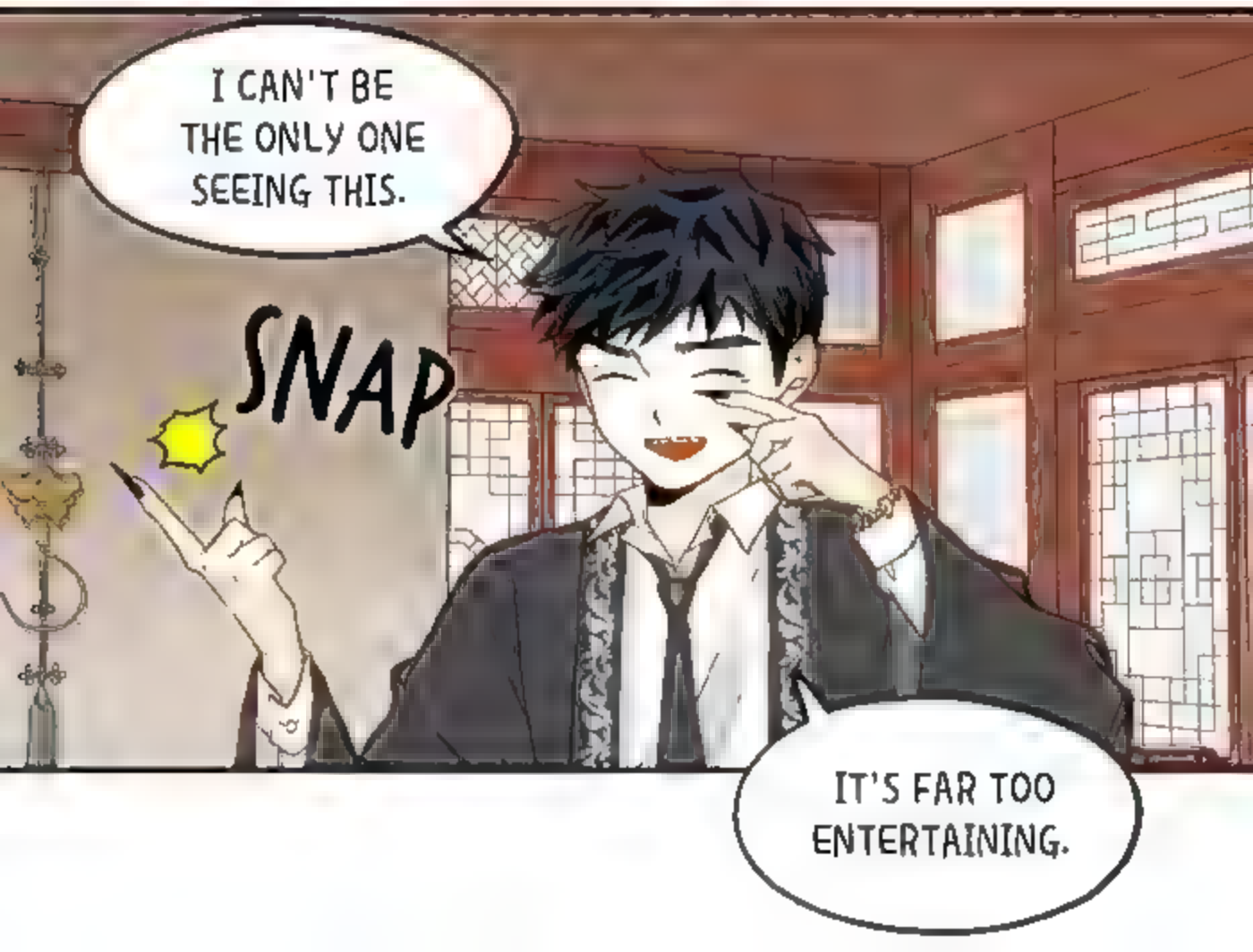
DOING?
SHAKING


IF POSSIBLE...

...I'D LIKE TO TAKE ALL OF THE IMOOGIS THAT ARE KEPT HERE.

HAHAHAHA!
YOU REALLY ARE THE SAME AS EVER!
NOTHING ABOUT YOU HAS

CHANGED!


I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE SEEING THIS.
SNAP
IT'S FAR TOO ENTERTAINING.

SPLASH

FLASH

AH...

HARk.

THIS CHILD HAS DECIDED NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE,
TO EXTEND HIS GRACE UNTO YOU.
SMACK
AAH...

HE'S MAKING QUITE THE FUSS ABOUT TAKING YOU ALL BACK WITH HIM.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU OUGHT TO BOW DOWN?

...

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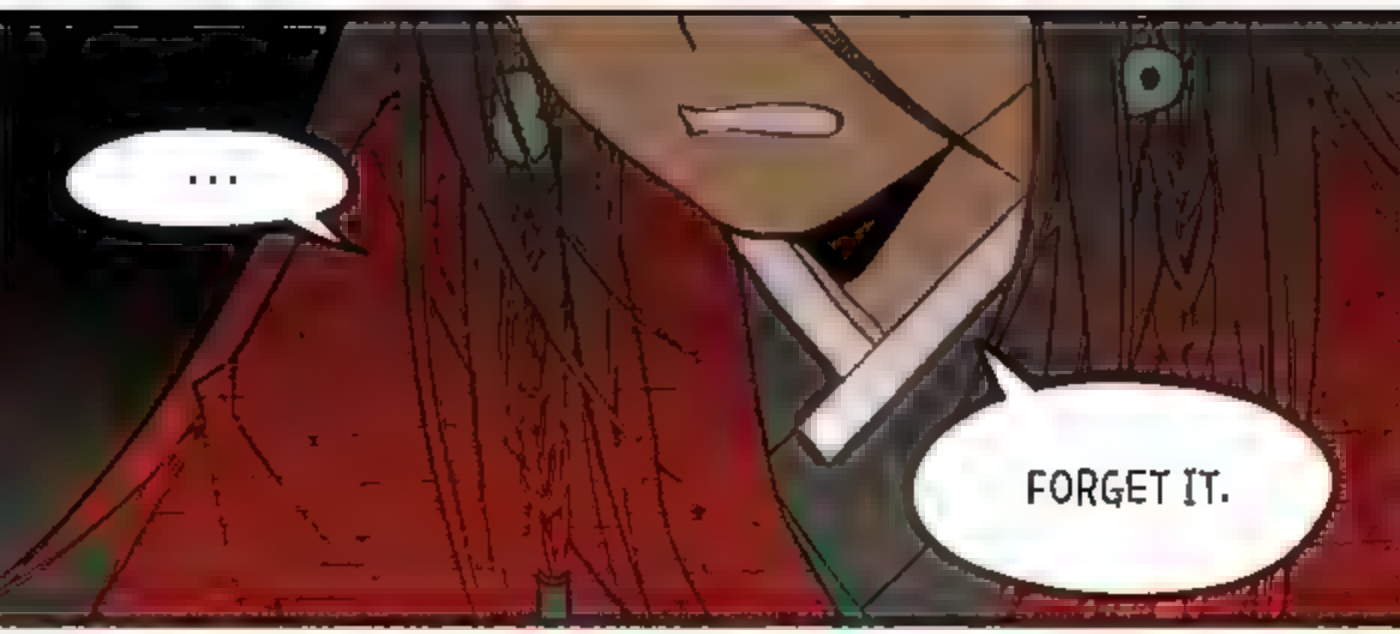
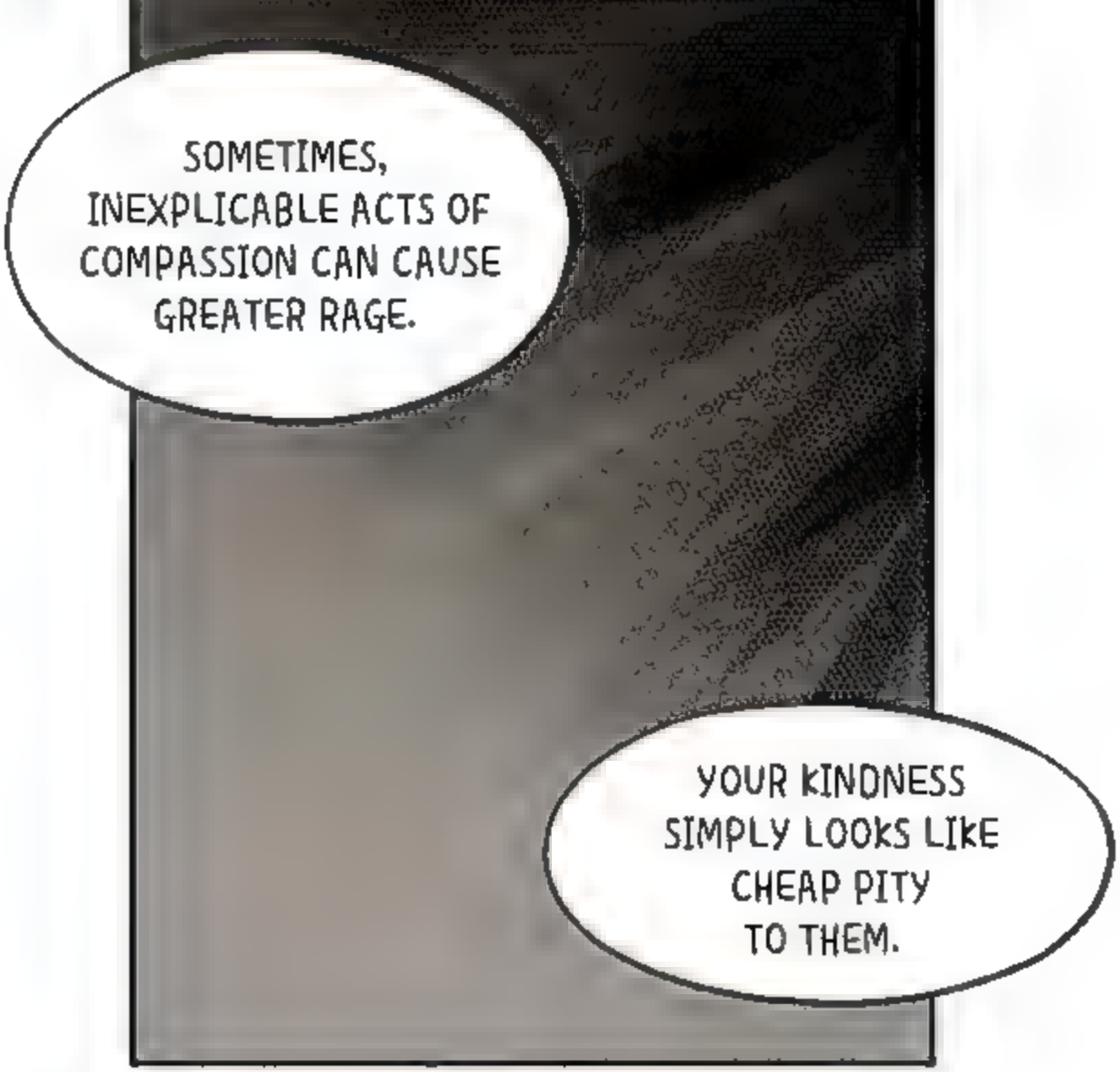
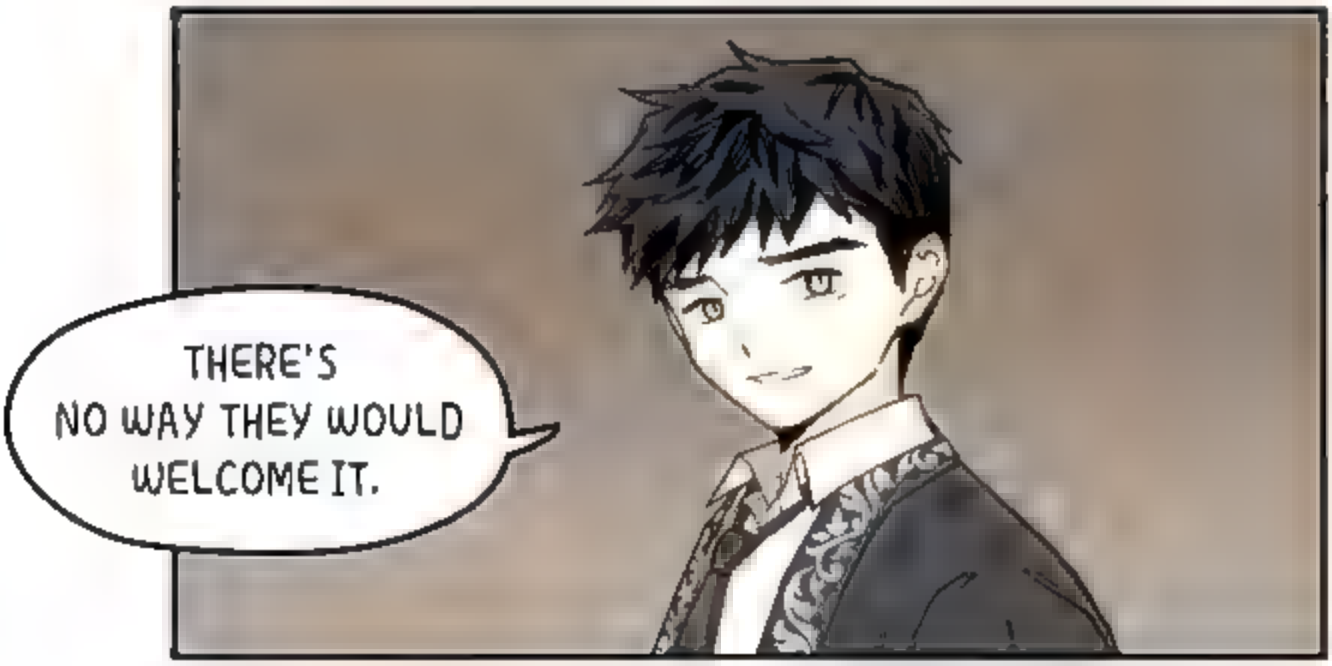

...
FORGET IT.

I FAILED THE TEST ANYWAYS.
THE SURFACE IS JUST AS MUCH OF A HELLHOLE AS THIS PLACE.
QUIT BEING NOSY AND PISS OFF.

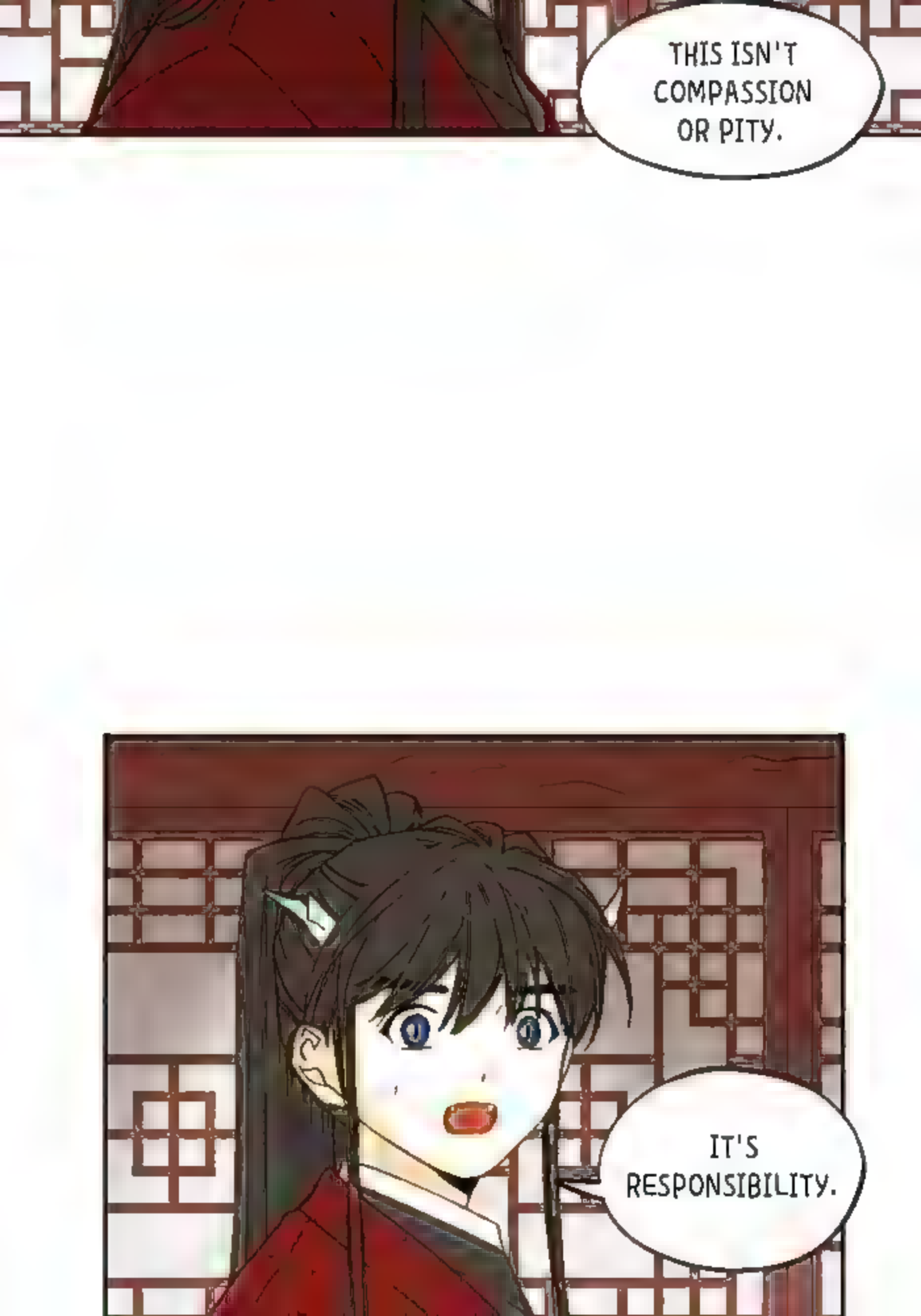
YEAH,
I DON'T NEED
YOU.
MURMUR
ME EITHER.
MURMUR
MIND YOUR
OWN BUSINESS.

OH...
WHAT?
IS THIS NOT THE REACTION YOU WERE EXPECTING?


SOMETIMES, INEXPLICABLE ACTS OF COMPASSION CAN CAUSE GREATER RAGE.
YOUR KINDNESS SIMPLY LOOKS LIKE CHEAP PITY TO THEM.


THERE'S
NO WAY THEY WOULD
WELCOME IT.

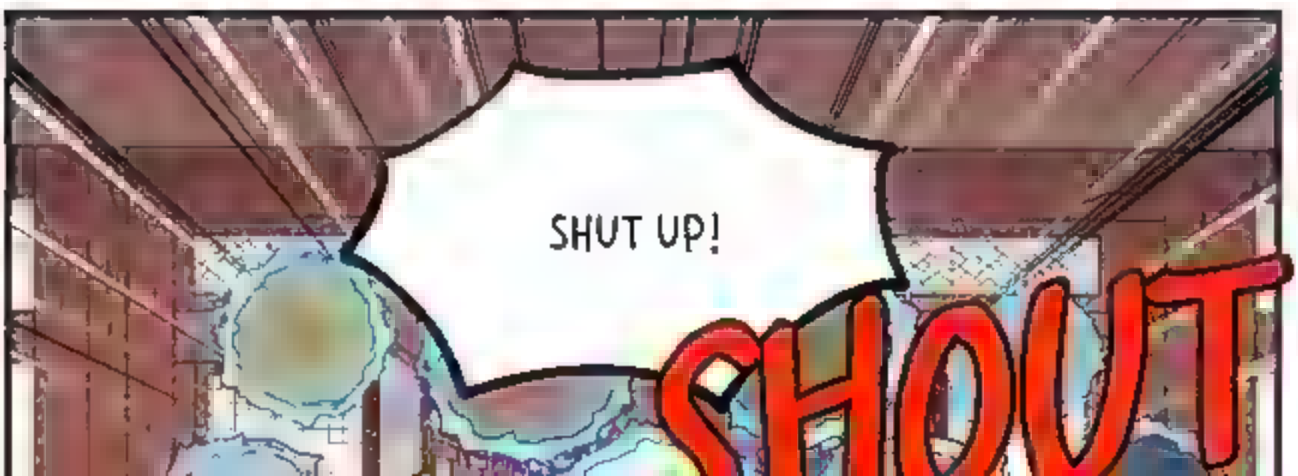
THIS
ISN'T...

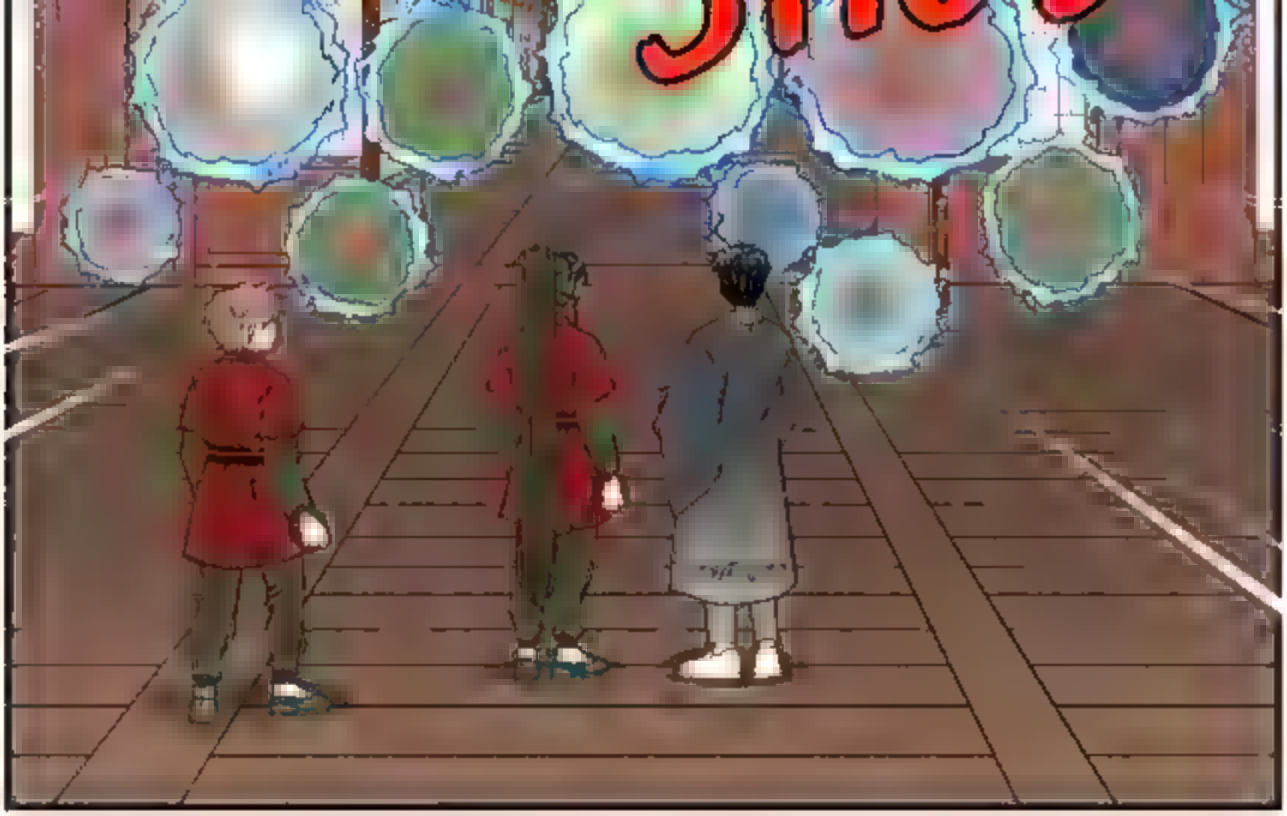

THIS ISN'T COMPASSION OR PITY.
IT'S RESPONSIBILITY.

WHAT...?

IF I HADN'T DONE WHAT I DID IN THE FIRST EXAM,
THERE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AS MANY PEOPLE IN THE SECOND EXAM.

THEN THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE TRAPPED HERE FOREVER...


SHUT UP!
SHOUT



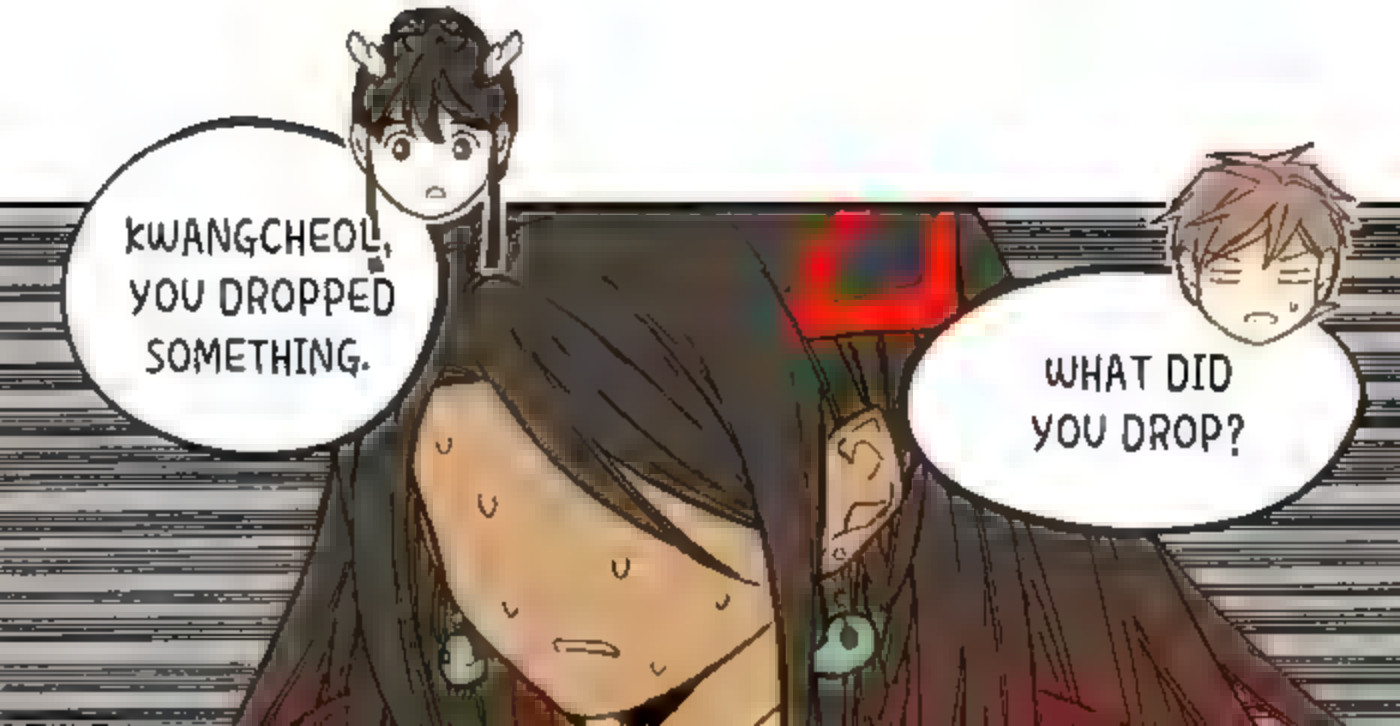
I MADE THE CHOICE TO COME HERE OF MY OWN FREE WILL!

THE PUNISHMENT I GET FOR THAT IS MY OWN BUSINESS!

STOP CROSSING THE LINE AND--
DROP

...
TAP

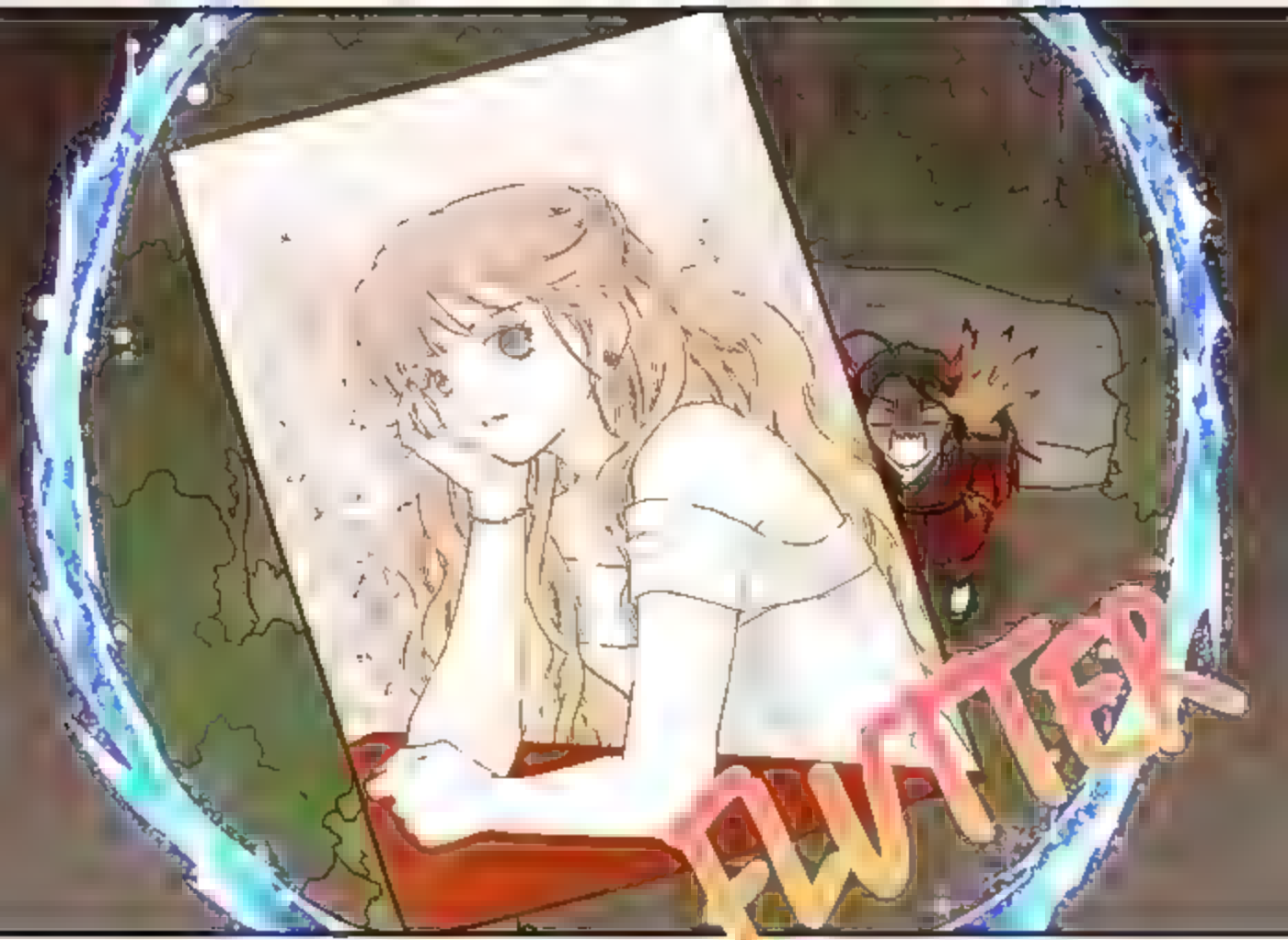
KICK
FLUTTER


KWANGCHEOL, YOU DROPPED SOMETHING.
WHAT DID YOU DROP?

N-NOTHING...
WHAT IS THAT?

DID YOU BRING IN A CHEAT SHEET OR SOMETHING?
FLICK
GIVE IT TO ME.

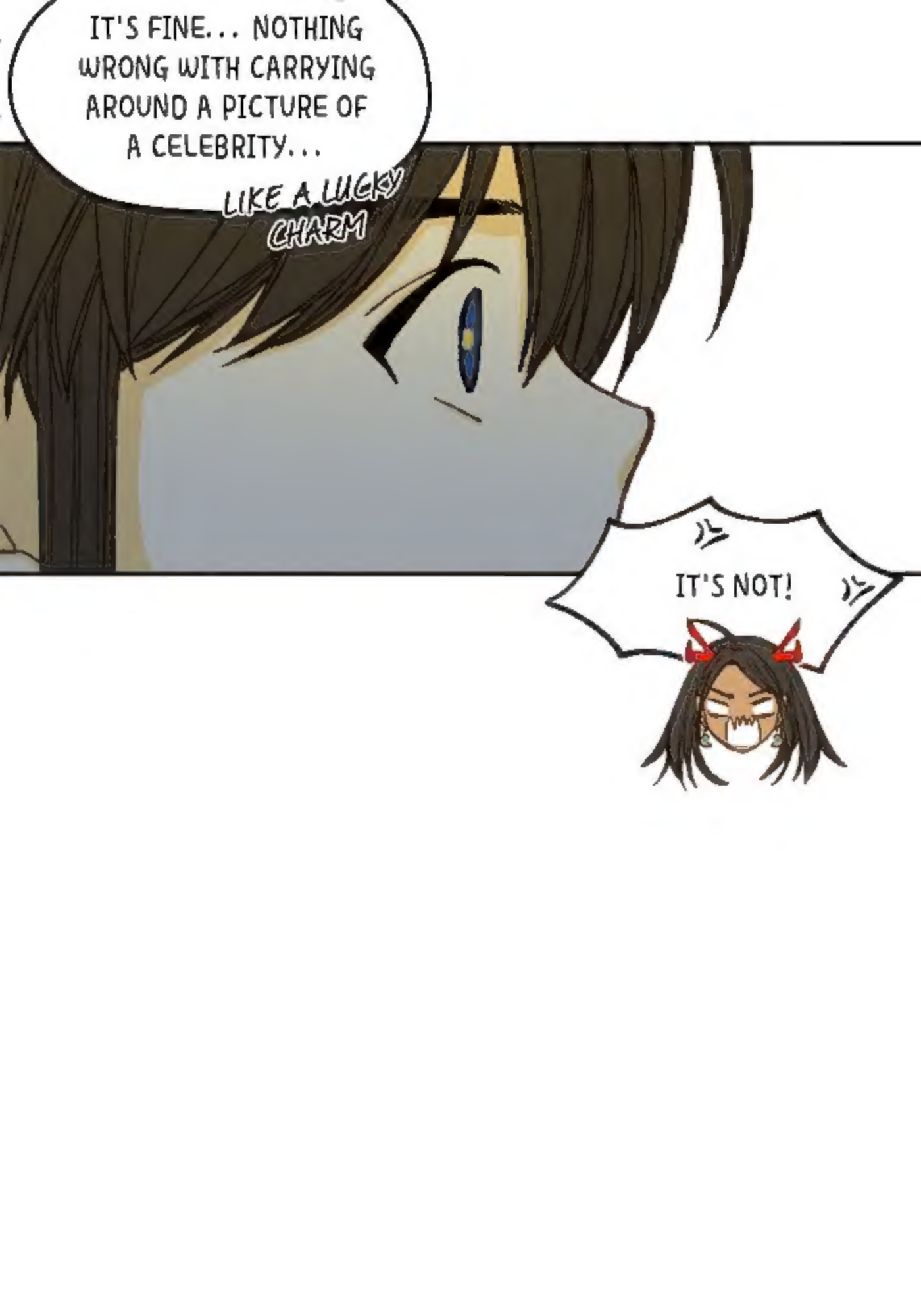
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
AH!
NO!
HOLD ON--


TWITTER

...
WOW...
...
WAY TO RUIN THE MOOD.

I MEAN, I KEPT BEING

BADGERED TO HOLD ONTO IT...
I DIDN'T BRING IT HERE!


IT'S FINE... NOTHING WRONG WITH CARRYING AROUND A PICTURE OF A CELEBRITY...
LIKE A LUCKY CHARM
IT'S NOT!

AH...!